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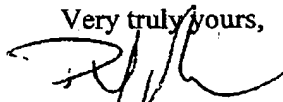
Re: Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/883,981
Our Ref: BUR.038DIV

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 which should place this case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Andrews, et al.

Serial No.: 09/883,981

Group Art Unit: 2813

Filed: June 20, 2001

Examiner: Blum, David S.

For: LOW COST SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION USING NON-CONFORMAL
DIELECTRIC MATERIAL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: